



# 2013 Deer Trustee Report

## Public Action Team Implementation Proposal

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This document shows the original Deer Trustee Report recommendation that the Public Action Team considered when developing proposals for implementing the recommendation in Wisconsin. The Public Action Team's implementation proposal is then presented followed by a brief summary by the WDNR.

### **I. ORIGINAL DEER TRUSTEE REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**We feel use of human dimensions research to anticipate, rather than reacting to issues as they arise would be very effective.**

### **II. PUBLIC ACTION TEAM PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION**

Below is the Public Action Team implementation proposal along with their rationale and supporting evidence, potential implementation obstacles and consideration of the proposal's potential impact on the overall deer management in Wisconsin.

1. Action Team Implementation Proposal: We support the use of human dimensions research as part of optimal CWD management. However, this needs to be rigorous research (with well thought out targeted study subjects and approaches). We recommend consideration of studies closely tied to chosen CWD management actions, incorporating pre-action assessment of stakeholder attitudes and actions and monitoring of how the management action changes attitudes and actions.

2. Supporting data, references, rationale and other information behind it.

Human dimensions research has been part of Wisconsin's CWD response over the last decade, but there is clearly need to better understand stakeholders attitudes and actions.

There is a need for rigorous research on stakeholders' attitudes and action choices, as they relate to CWD/herd health management. Surveys and other methods for collecting hunter/landowner input have value, but decision-makers need human dimension research with a well-defined study set and expert analysis and interpretation.

This work should be done collaboratively between the WDNR and independent and scientific (university) researchers to maximize credibility and use of state-of-the art approaches.

3. Consider and describe potential implementation obstacles or drawbacks.

Good research takes money, time, and planning.

4. Overall, how will this proposal simplify or complicate deer hunting, management, or research in Wisconsin.

Good research may help simplify publically accepted management.



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